

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>IN RE:</b>	:	<b>CASE NO. 15-70226-JAD</b>
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<b>Sharon Emerick,</b>	:	<b>CHAPTER 13</b>
<b>Debtor</b>	:	
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<b>Sharon Emerick,</b>	:	
<b>Movant</b>	:	
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<b>vs.</b>	:	
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<b>Ronda J. Winnecour, Esquire,</b>	:	
<b>Chapter 13 Trustee,</b>	:	
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<b>Respondent</b>	:	

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO CONFIRMED PLAN DATED  
April 14, 2015.**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1329, the Debtor has filed an Amended Chapter 13 Plan dated September 30, 2016, which is annexed hereto at Exhibit “A” (the “Amended Chapter 13 Plan”). Pursuant to the Amended Chapter 13 Plan, the Debtor seeks to modify the confirmed plan in the following particulars:

**Increase Plan Payment**

2. The proposed modification to the confirmed Plan will impact the treatment of the claims of the following creditors, and in the following particulars:

**Mortgage payment increase and increase in Attorney Fees**

3. Debtor submits that the reason(s) for the modification is (are) as follows:

**To increase plan in response to the Notice of Mortgage Payment Change**

4. The Debtor submits that the requested modification is being proposed in good faith, and not for any means prohibited by applicable law. The Debtor further submits that the proposed modification complies with, 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322(a), 1322(b), 1325(a) and 1329 and, except as set forth above, there are no other modifications sought by way of the Amended Chapter 13 Plan.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order confirming the Amended Chapter 13 Plan, and for such other relief the Court deems equitable and just.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Date: September 30, 2016

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Bankruptcy Case Number 15-70226-JAD

Debtor#1: Sharon Emerick

Last Four (4) Digits of SSN: xxx-xx-0696

Debtor#2: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Four (4) Digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if applicable ☒ Amended Plan ☐ Plan expected to be completed within the next 12 months

**CHAPTER 13 PLAN DATED** September 30, 2016  
**COMBINED WITH CLAIMS BY DEBTOR PURSUANT TO RULE 3004**

***UNLESS PROVIDED BY PRIOR COURT ORDER THE OFFICIAL PLAN FORM MAY NOT BE MODIFIED***

**PLAN FUNDING**

Total amount of \$ 650.00 per month for a plan term of 60 months shall be paid to the Trustee from future earnings as follows:

Payments:	By Income Attachment	Directly by Debtor	By Automated Bank Transfer
D#1	\$ _____	\$ <u>650.00</u>	\$ _____
D#2	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

(Income attachments must be used by Debtors having attachable income) (SSA direct deposit recipients only)

Estimated amount of additional plan funds from sale proceeds, etc.: \$ NONE

The Trustee shall calculate the actual total payments estimated throughout the plan.

The responsibility for ensuring that there are sufficient funds to effectuate the goals of the Chapter 13 plan rests with the Debtor.

**PLAN PAYMENTS TO BEGIN:** no later than one month following the filing of the bankruptcy petition.

**FOR AMENDED PLANS:**

- The total plan payments shall consist of all amounts previously paid together with the new monthly payment for the remainder of the plan's duration.
- The original plan term has been extended by \_\_\_\_ months for a total of \_\_\_\_ months from the original plan filing date;
- The payment shall be changed effective **October 1, 2016**.
- The Debtor(s) have filed a motion requesting that the court appropriately change the amount of all wage orders.

The Debtor agrees to dedicate to the plan the estimated amount of sale proceeds: \$ \_\_\_\_ from the sale of this property (describe) \_\_\_\_\_. All sales shall be completed by \_\_\_\_\_. Lump sum payments shall be received by the Trustee as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

Other payments from any source (describe specifically) \_\_\_\_\_ shall be received by the Trustee as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.

**The sequence of plan payments shall be determined by the Trustee, using the following as a general guide:**

*Level One:* Unpaid filing fees.  
*Level Two:* Secured claims and lease payments entitled to Section 1326 (a)(1)(C) pre-confirmation adequate protection payments.  
*Level Three:* Monthly ongoing mortgage payments, ongoing vehicle and lease payments, installments on professional fees, and post-petition utility claims.  
*Level Four:* Priority Domestic Support Obligations.  
*Level Five:* Mortgage arrears, secured taxes, rental arrears, vehicle payment arrears.  
*Level Six:* All remaining secured, priority and specially classified claims, miscellaneous secured arrears.  
*Level Seven:* Allowed general unsecured claims.  
*Level Eight:* Untimely filed unsecured claims for which the debtor has not lodged an objection.

**1. UNPAID FILING FEES** \_\_\_\_\_

Filing fees: the balance of \$ 0.00 shall be fully paid by the Trustee to the Clerk of Bankruptcy Court from the first available funds.

**2. PERSONAL PROPERTY SECURED CLAIMS AND LEASE PAYMENTS ENTITLED TO PRECONFIRMATION ADEQUATE PROTECTION PAYMENTS UNDER SECTION 1326(a)(1)(C)**

*Creditors subject to these terms are identified below within parts 3b, 4b, 5b, or 8b.*

Timely plan payments to the Trustee by the Debtor(s) shall constitute compliance with the adequate protection requirements of Section 1326(a)(1)(C). Distributions prior to final plan confirmation shall be made at Level 2. Upon final plan confirmation, these distributions shall change to level 3. Leases provided for in this section are assumed by the Debtor(s).

**3.(a) LONG TERM CONTINUING DEBTS CURED AND REINSTATED, AND LIEN (if any) RETAINED**

Name of Creditor (include account #)	Description of Collateral (Address or parcel ID of real estate, etc.)	Monthly Payment (If changed, state effective date)	Pre-petition arrears to be cured (w/o interest, unless expressly stated)
		<b>Per Loan Modification Agreement:</b>	
		<b>256.92 - Effective August 1, 2015</b>	
		<b>282.86 - Effective August 1, 2016</b>	
		<b>309.13 - Effective August 1, 2017</b>	
<b>Nationstar Mortgage xxxxxx9604</b>	<b>460 Hyndman Rd Hyndman, PA 15545</b>	<b>315.64 - Effective August 1, 2018</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>

3.(b) Long term debt claims secured by PERSONAL property entitled to §1326(a)(1)(C) preconfirmation adequate protection payments:

<b>-NONE-</b>			
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**4. SECURED CLAIMS TO BE PAID IN FULL DURING TERM OF PLAN, ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL CONTRACT TERMS, WITH NO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND LIENS RETAINED UNTIL PAID**

4.(a) Claims to be paid at plan level three (for vehicle payments, do not use "pro rata" but instead, state the monthly payment to be applied to the claim):

Name of Creditor	Description of Collateral	Contractual Monthly Payment (Level 3)	Principal Balance of Claim	Contract Rate of Interest
<b>-NONE-</b>				

4(b) Claims entitled to preconfirmation adequate protection payments pursuant to Section 1326 (a)(1)(C) (Use only if claim qualifies for this treatment under the statute, and if claims are to be paid at level two prior to confirmation, and moved to level three after confirmation):

Name of Creditor	Description of Collateral	Contractual Monthly Payment (Level 3)	Principal Balance of Claim	Contract Rate of Interest
<b>-NONE-</b>				

**5. SECURED CLAIMS TO BE FULLY PAID ACCORDING TO MODIFIED TERMS AND LIENS RETAINED**

5.(a) Claims to be paid at plan level three (for vehicle payments, do not use "pro rata"; instead, state the monthly payment to be applied to the claim)

Name of Creditor	Description of Collateral	Modified Principal Balance	Interest Rate	Monthly Payment at Level 3 or Pro Rata
<b>Chessie Federal Credit Union</b>	<b>460 Hyndman Rd Hyndman, PA 15545</b>	<b>7,051.00</b>	<b>4.25%</b>	<b>130.65</b>

5.(b) Claims entitled to preconfirmation adequate protection payments pursuant to Section 1326 (a)(1)(C) (Use only if claim qualifies for this treatment under the statute, and if claims are to be paid at level two prior to confirmation, and moved to level three after confirmation):

Name of Creditor	Description of Collateral	Modified Principal Balance	Interest Rate	Monthly Payment at Level 3 or Pro Rata
-NONE-				

**6. SECURED CLAIMS NOT PAID DUE TO SURRENDER OF COLLATERAL; SPECIFY DATE OF SURRENDER**

Name the Creditor and identify the collateral with specificity.
-NONE-

**7. THE DEBTOR PROPOSES TO AVOID OR LIMIT THE LIENS OF THE FOLLOWING CREDITORS:**

Name the Creditor and identify the collateral with specificity.
-NONE-

**8. LEASES. Leases provided for in this section are assumed by the debtor(s). Provide the number of lease payments to be made by the Trustee.**

8.(a) Claims to be paid at plan level three (for vehicle payments, do not use "pro rata"; instead, state the monthly payment to be applied to the claim):

Name of Creditor (include account#)	Description of leased asset	Monthly payment amount and number of payments	Pre-petition arrears to be cured (Without interest, unless expressly stated otherwise)
-NONE-			

8.(b) Claims entitled to preconfirmation adequate protection payments pursuant to Section 1326 (a)(1)(C) (Use only if claim qualifies for this treatment under the statute, and if claims are to be paid at level two prior to confirmation, and moved to level three after confirmation):

Name of Creditor (include account#)	Description of leased asset	Monthly payment amount and number of payments	Pre-petition arrears to be cured (Without interest, unless expressly stated otherwise)
-NONE-			

**9. SECURED TAX CLAIMS FULLY PAID AND LIENS RETAINED**

Name of Taxing Authority	Total Amount of Claim	Type of Tax	Rate of Interest*	Identifying Number(s) if Collateral is Real Estate	Tax Periods
-NONE-					

\* The secured tax claims of the Internal Revenue Service, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and County of Allegheny shall bear interest at the statutory rate in effect as of the date of confirmation of the first plan providing for payment of such claims.

**10. PRIORITY DOMESTIC SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS:**

If the Debtor(s) is currently paying Domestic Support Obligations through existing state court order(s) and leaves this section blank, the Debtor(s) expressly agrees to continue paying and remain current on all Domestic Support Obligations through existing state court orders. If this payment is for prepetition arrearages only, check here: ☐ As to "Name of Creditor," specify the actual payee, e.g. PA SCUDU, etc.

Name of Creditor	Description	Total Amount of Claim	Monthly payment or Prorata
-NONE-			

**11. PRIORITY UNSECURED TAX CLAIMS PAID IN FULL**

Name of Taxing Authority	Total Amount of Claim	Type of Tax	Rate of Interest (0% if blank)	Tax Periods
-NONE-				

## 12. ADMINISTRATIVE PRIORITY CLAIMS TO BE FULLY PAID

- a. Percentage fees payable to the Chapter 13 Fee and Expense Fund shall be paid at the rate fixed by the United States Trustee.
- b. Attorney fees are payable to **McElrath Legal Holdings, LLC**. In addition to a retainer of \$ **700.00** already paid by or on behalf of the Debtor, the amount of \$ **3,300.00** is to be paid at the rate of \$ **143.48** per month. Including any retainer paid, a total of \$ **0.00** has been approved pursuant to a fee application. An additional \$ **750.00** will be sought through a fee application to be filed and approved before any additional amount will be paid thru the Plan.

## 13. OTHER PRIORITY CLAIMS TO BE PAID IN FULL

Name of Creditor	Total Amount of Claim	Interest Rate (0% if blank)	Statute Providing Priority Status
<b>None</b>			

## 14. POST-PETITION UTILITY MONTHLY PAYMENTS

This provision completed only if utility provider has agreed to this treatment.

These payments comprise a single monthly combined payment for post-petition utility services, any post-petition delinquencies and unpaid security deposits. The claim payment will not change for the life of the plan. Should the utility file a motion requesting a payment change, the Debtor will be required to file an amended plan. These payments may not resolve all of the post-petition claims of the utility. The utility may require additional funds from the Debtor(s) after discharge.

Name of Creditor	Monthly Payment	Post-petition Account Number
<b>-NONE-</b>		

## 15. CLAIMS OF UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CREDITORS TO BE SPECIALLY CLASSIFIED.

If the following is intended to be treated as long term continuing debt treatment pursuant to Section 1322(b)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, check here: ☐

Name of Creditor	Principal Balance or Long Term Debt	Rate of Interest (0% if blank)	Monthly Payments	Arrears to be Cured	Interest Rate on Arrears
<b>-NONE-</b>					

## 16. CLAIMS OF GENERAL, NONPRIORITY UNSECURED CREDITORS

Debtor(s) ESTIMATE that a total of \$ **64.00** will be available for distribution to unsecured, non-priority creditors. Debtor(s) UNDERSTAND that a MINIMUM of \$ **0.00** shall be paid to unsecured, non-priority creditors in order to comply with the liquidation alternative test for confirmation. The total pool of funds estimated above is NOT the MAXIMUM amount payable to this class of creditors. Instead, the actual pool of funds available for payment to these creditors under the plan base will be determined only after audit of the plan at time of completion. The estimated percentage of payment to general unsecured creditors is **1**%. The percentage of payment may change, based upon the total amount of allowed claims. Late-filed claims will not be paid unless all timely filed claims have been paid in full. Thereafter, all late-filed claims will be paid pro-rata unless an objection has been filed within (30) days of filing the claim. Creditors not specifically identified in Parts 1-15, above, are included in this class.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO ALL CHAPTER 13 PLANS

This is the voluntary Chapter 13 reorganization plan of the Debtor (s). The Debtor (s) understand and agree that the Chapter 13 plan may be extended as necessary by the Trustee, to not more than sixty (60) months, in order to insure that the goals of the plan have been achieved. Property of the estate shall not re-vest in the Debtor(s) until the bankruptcy case is closed.

The Debtor (s) shall comply with the tax return filing requirements of Section 1308, prior to the Section 341 Meeting of Creditors, and shall provide the Trustee with documentation of such compliance at or before the time of the Section 341 Meeting of Creditors. Counsel for the Debtor(s), or Debtor (if not represented by counsel), shall provide the Trustee with the information needed for the Trustee to comply with the requirements of Section 1302 as to notification to be given to Domestic Support Obligation creditors, and Counsel for the Debtor(s), or Debtor (if pro se) shall provide the Trustee with calculations relied upon by Counsel to determine the Debtor (s)' current monthly income and disposable income.

As a condition to eligibility of the Debtor(s) to receive a discharge upon successful completion of the plan, Counsel for the debtor(s), or the debtor(s) if not represented by counsel, shall file with the Court Local Bankruptcy Form 24 (Debtor's Certification of Discharge Eligibility) within forty-five (45) days after making the final plan payment.

All pre-petition debts are paid through the Trustee. Additionally, ongoing payments for vehicles, mortgages and assumed leases are also paid through the Trustee, unless the Court orders otherwise.

Percentage fees to the trustee are paid on all distributions at the rate fixed by the United States Trustee. The Trustee has the discretion to adjust, interpret and implement the distribution schedule to carry out the plan. The Trustee shall follow this standard plan form sequence unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

The provisions for payment to secured, priority and specially classified creditors in this plan shall constitute claims in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3004. Proofs of claim by the Trustee will not be required. The Clerk shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of the information contained in this plan with regard to each claim. If the secured, priority or specially classified creditor files its own claim, then the creditor's claim shall govern, provided the Debtor(s) and Debtor(s)' counsel have been given notice and an opportunity to object. The Trustee is authorized, without prior notice, to pay claims exceeding the amount provided in the plan by not more than \$250.

Any Creditor whose secured claim is modified by the plan, or reduced by separate lien avoidance actions, shall retain its lien until the plan has been fully completed, or until it has been paid the full amount to which it is entitled under applicable non-bankruptcy law, whichever occurs earlier. Upon payment in accordance with these terms and successful completion of the plan by the Debtor (s), the creditor shall promptly cause all mortgages and liens encumbering the collateral to be satisfied, discharged and released.

Should a pre-petition Creditor file a claim asserting secured or priority status that is not provided for in the plan, then after notice to the Trustee, counsel of record, (or the Debtor(s) in the event they are not represented by counsel), the Trustee shall treat the claim as allowed unless the Debtor(s) successfully objects.

Both of the preceding provisions will also apply to allowed secured, priority and specially classified claims filed after the bar date. LATE-FILED CLAIMS NOT PROPERLY SERVED ON THE TRUSTEE AND THE DEBTOR(S)' COUNSEL OF RECORD (OR DEBTOR, IF PRO SE) WILL NOT BE PAID. The responsibility for reviewing the claims and objecting where appropriate is placed on the Debtor.

**BY SIGNING THIS PLAN THE UNDERSIGNED, AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR(S), OR THE DEBTOR(S) IF NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, CERTIFY THAT I/WE HAVE REVIEWED ANY PRIOR CONFIRMED PLAN(S), ORDER(S) CONFIRMING PRIOR PLAN(S), PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED WITH THE COURT BY CREDITORS, AND ANY ORDERS OF COURT AFFECTING THE AMOUNT(S) OR TREATMENT OF ANY CREDITOR CLAIMS, AND EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN, THAT THIS PROPOSED PLAN CONFORMS TO AND IS CONSISTENT WITH ALL SUCH PRIOR PLANS, ORDERS AND CLAIMS. FALSE CERTIFICATIONS SHALL SUBJECT THE SIGNATORIES TO SANCTIONS UNDER FED.R.BANK.P. 9011.**

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